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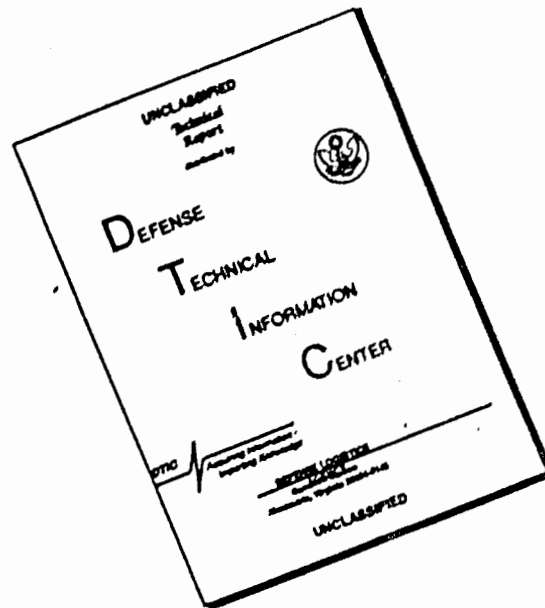
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SECTION I - OPERATIONS

1. (C) INTRODUCTION: This Operational Report - Lessons Learned covers the period 1 May through 31 July 1970. During the reporting period the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment participated in Operations DONG TIEN II AND TOAN THANG 43 in the Kingdom of Cambodia in May and June and in July initiated operations in BINH DUONG, BIEN HOA, and LONG KHANH Provinces. Operation DONG TIEN II was conducted under TF Shoemaker and comprised the 11th ACR, the 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), and the 3d ARVN Abn Bde. The TF crossed the border into Cambodia in the fishhook on 1 May, accomplished a link-up with the 3d ARVN Abn Bde on 2 May, and then thrust on to SNUOL (XU5534). Operations continued during May and June to deny the enemy his Cambodian sanctuaries. After 6 May the month passed with light enemy activity, but numerous supply caches were found and destroyed or evacuated. During the latter part of May and in June, the 11th ACR provided security for the Rome plows of the 60th and 984th Land Clearing Companies which cut through the dense forests northwest of SNUOL and into the enemy base areas in the Fishhook. In the latter series of cuts enemy activity increased in the form of RPG assaults, attacks by fire, and mining incidents. On 19 June, the 11th ACR minus the 2d Squadron was placed OPCON to the 25th Infantry Division, and by 28 June all elements of the Regiment had withdrawn to RVN. On 5 July, after a short stand-down, the 3d Squadron assumed a new AO which straddled the LONG KHANH and BIEN HOA province boundary. 1st Squadron had a well-deserved 21 day maintenance standdown at DI AN and on 23 July assumed 3d Squadron's AO as 3d Squadron began its maintenance standdown.

2. (C) INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

a. General: During the first two months of the reporting period, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment operated primarily in Cambodia, with limited operations in War Zone C, Binh Long and Phuoc Provinces. During the last month of the reporting period the Regiment began conducting operations in two AO's encompassing portions of Binh Duong, Bien Hoa, and Long Khanh Provinces.

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b. Order of Battle: The reporting period began with the initiation of Allied cross-border operations in Cambodia. Initially upon crossing the border, heavy resistance by the NVA Division was expected but failed to materialize. The 7th NVA Division was deployed with its 209th Regiment in the Katum-Bo Tue area, while its 165th NVA Regiment operated in the Fishhook, and its mission, disposition, and strength were unknown. On 1 May 1970, the 141st Regiment was believed to be acting as the Division's reserve and was located in the COSVN base area in the Fishhook. Intelligence indicated that the two deployed Regiments, the 165th and 209th, would probably attempt to stop or at least delay penetrations. The two Regiments had been seeking aggressive contact with the 11th ACR in War Zone C just prior to 1 May 70, and it was expected that they would be tasked to halt and/or delay US advances.

On 3 May, the Regiment was ordered to proceed North and secure the Cambodian town of Snuol. Intelligence based mainly on refugee reports indicated the presence of a Regimental size force in the Snuol area. During the fighting for the town of Snuol, 138 NVA were killed. PW's and documents identified the C-18.

By the 10th of May the story of Snuol could be pieced together. On or about 22 April 70, two battalions of the 141st Regiment with mortar, AA, and sapper units seized Snuol. The three bridges south of Snuol on Highway 7 were blown and could only be crossed by foot. After securing Snuol, the 2d Battalion of the 141st Regiment moved to the Mimot area and assisted the 3d Battalion in attacking and securing Mimot.

Numerous unknown units were encountered during the early stages of the 11th ACR's TACR were the 92d Recovery and Replacement Regiment, Inter Group 89, the 90th Recovery and Replacement Regiment, and the 94th R&R Regiment. Additional inter-group units were identified throughout Cambodia by allied forces.

The Recovery and Replacement Regiments constituted a division size medical and training effort by the enemy in III Corps. The missions of these units were: (1) Receive and care for all wounded evacuated by Rear Service Groups and maneuver units, and give them extensive political re indoctrination and limited military training.

(2) Receive, process, train, and reassign all recent infiltrators from NVN.

(3) Operate facilities to rehabilitate criminals, AMOL's, deserters, and others in need of political indoctrination. The strength of the unit fluctuated from 3,500 to 2,000 men. Cadre strength is documented at 1,200 to 1,800 men and women. The 92d R&R Regiment was subordinate to the Military Staff Department, HQ, SVN, COSVN. The Regiment operated in the Fishhook area and supported units in III Corps.

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The other new type of unit identified was the Inter-Unit combined groups or the Inter-Groups. In Snuol, the 11th ACR identified Inter-Group 87. The Inter-Group units were organized to facilitate NVA/VC control over the local populace in specific geographic areas. After Sihanouk fell, they became the means of achieving both political and military control over the area. In Snuol, Inter-Group 89 recruited Vietnamese and Cambodians for a local militia, conducted propaganda missions, and established a governmental structure to rule Snuol. The Group remained covert while US units persisted in the area, but recent reports from agents indicate that the government is now overtly active and that the NVA/VC once again have a firm hold on the area.

Other NVA units in the 11th ACR Cambodian TACR were the 50th RSG and elements of the 208th Arty Regiment. The 50th RSG is subordinate to the Military Staff Department, HQ, SVNLA, COSVN. Like the other 10 NVA Rear Service Groups it had a geographic AO. The 50th RSG operated caches, hospitals, camps, and supply depots from Snuol to the border area of the Fishhook. In SVN it maintained two major supply corridors through eastern War Zone C and was responsible for moving supplies, equipment, and infiltrators to SR-1, SR-5, and Binh Long Province. The Group operated the "City" in the Fishhook area; its efforts were severely hampered by the Allied operations in Cambodia. In May the unit had a strength estimated between 800 and 1,000.

The enemy's 208th Artillery Regiment conducted operations in the Mimot area during the early stages of the cross-border operations. When the 11th ACR moved back into the Fishhook area in early June, this unit conducted numerous attacks by fire in support of the 7th NVN Division's cache-protection operations.

Other cross-border identifications of the 5th VC Division gave the following picture of this Division. As the 1st Cav Div (AM) moved into Cambodia north of Phuoc Long Province, the 5th VC Division withdrew to the thick jungle about 20 KM's into Cambodia. Recent activity after US withdrawal indicates that the 174th Regiment is again targeted against the Bu Dop area.

Before the move into Cambodia, intelligence indicated the infiltration of a new regiment, the E-6 from Laos. Documents captured indicated that this unit had been issued weapons by the 86th RSG in early May. The E-6 Regiment was to receive its cadre from senior officers and NCO's of the 174th Regiment. They were then to conduct training and infiltrate MR-3 to assist the 33d Regiment in the Lon Khanh - Binh Tuy area. Allied cross-border operations disrupted the plan. The 33d Regiment was returned to the control of MR-7 and the new Regiment was assigned to the 275th Regiment for assimilation.

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Following the withdrawal of US and ARVN forces from Cambodia, the 11th ACR redeployed into the center of III Corps. The Regiment was assigned two squadron-sized AO's: one in Binh Duong Province and Western Bion Hoa Province; and the other in the new area are elements of the Dong Hai Regiment of SR-5, the 274th NVN Regiment of MR-7, and the 74th Arty Regiment of the 69th Arty Command, COSVN.

Enemy missions in the new area of operations appear to be primarily directed against the pacification program. Local guerrillas have been directed to concentrate on building the political structure, propaganda, terrorism, and military and civilian proselyting. Priority targets are the governmental officials, the RF/PF's, and other pacification personnel. Main force units support political ends by conducting harassing attacks against provincial forces.

The following is a list of enemy units reportedly in the 11th ACR's AO:

In SR-5

UNIT	SUBORDINATION	STRENGTH (EST)
C-301 Tan Uyen Comp	SR-5	70
C-62 Chau Tanh Comp	SR-5	15
C-63 Lai Thiou Comp	SR-5	2
C-65 Phu Quang Comp	SR-5	0
Elements of Dong Nai Regiment	SR-5	530
C-516 Arty Comp	SR-5	20-25
C-504 Sapper Comp	SR-5	UNK
C-506 Eng	SR-5	UNK

In U-1

1 VC LF Sapper Bn	U-1 Prov	180
2 VC LF Sapper Bn	U-1 Prov	110
C-4 Xuan Loc Comp	VC Ba Long Prov	50
C-206 Xuan Loc Comp	VC Ba Long Prov	40

In MR-7

Elements of the 274th NVN Regt	MR-7
Elements of the 74th Arty Regt	MR-7

c. Intelligence Sources:

(1) General: The number and type of intelligence sources utilized by the 11th ACR during the quarter were approximately the same as the previous quarters. There was an increase in PW's and this significantly improved intelligence efforts.

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(2) Visual Reconnaissance: Missions were flown on a daily basis by the Air Cavalry Troop, 11th ACR. These provided the bulk of the information used for planning B-52 strikes, preplanned air strikes, ground reconnaissance operations, and ARP/LRRP insertions. The Air Cavalry Troop has been instrumental in locating enemy units and fortifications in the jungle, as well as providing evidence of enemy movement and trail networks. Visual reconnaissance missions are also used to validate information from SLAR, Sniffer, Rod Hizo, and Agent Reports.

(3) Captured Enemy Documents: The primary value of captured documents was the identification of enemy units. They also gave an insight into the political aspects of NVA/VC activities. This was especially true of the large amount of administrative documents found in Cambodia. Documents usually provided information from which general trends could be deduced rather than immediately exploitable information.

(4) Prisoners of War and Hoi Chanh: These sources provided the 11th ACR with its best order of battle and exploitable intelligence. The period 1 May - 31 July 1970 produced 13 PW's and 6 Hoi Chanh.

(5) Agent Reports: During the Cambodian operations no agent reports were received because of a lack of developed nets in the AO. When the Regiment moved to the new AO's, liaison was established with the 525th MI Group, 219th MI, and province intelligence personnel to obtain their agent reports. Generally, agent reports are used as indicators of activity and in coordination with other sources provide the overall intelligence picture.

(6) Integrated Civic Action Projects (ICAPs): ICAPs ceased in the 11th ACR AO's on 1 April. A MACV directive stated that ARVN participation was required in ICAPs; in the AO's occupied at the time local officials could not provide the support. When the new AO's were occupied in early July, province officials were able to provide the required support, and ICAPs have begun again. Experience has shown that ICAPs provide valuable information on VC personnel entering villages for food and other supplies. They are also valuable for their Voluntary Informant Program.

(7) FAC's: Daily missions flown by the Air Force Forward Air Controllers provided a valuable source of intelligence.

(8) Technical Detectors: SLAR, Sniffers, Rod Hizo, radar, and ground sensors all were employed with varying degrees of success. SLAR, Sniffer, and Rod Hizo proved valuable during the Cambodian operations. But the new AO's, which have much higher population densities and smaller enemy units, these detectors were relatively ineffective. This was particularly true of the Sniffer because of the high degree of air pollution caused by the aircraft and industry in the AO. Radar, which saw limited use in Cambodia because of the jungle vegetation, began to assume

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a more important role in the flat, open areas of the new AO's. A concerted effort to increase the capability of the radar was begun in July and by the end of the reporting period had begun to show results. Ground sensors were employed in Cambodia however, employment and monitoring were conducted by the 1st ACD to whom the 11th ACR was OPCON during that period. In July, the 11th ACR became OPCON to IIFFV. Since previously the 11th ACR obtained all sensor support from the 1st ACD, it became necessary for the Regiment to develop its own program. During July this program was developed and will be available for the next quarter.

(9) Imagery Interpretation: During the reporting period the 541st MID published 13 Continuing Photo/Interpretation Reports (CPIR's) from total of 65 aerial reconnaissance missions. The two areas covered were the Fishhook region of the SVN-Cambodian border and the area of Long Khanh, Bien Hoa, and Binh Duong Province. The latter provinces contain the new AO's of the 11th ACR.

In addition to interpreting current photographs of the above areas, the II Section produced accessibility, vegetation analyses, and detailed lines of communications studies in forms of charts, map overlays, and written reports. Special emphasis was placed on the accessibility analysis of Long Khanh, Bien Hoa, and Binh Duong Province prior to move into the new AO's.

The II Section has also drawn detailed studies of 23 hamlets and villages in the above-named provinces. As photography becomes available more village studies will be provided. Several hand-held photo missions were flown during the quarter to supplement existing photographs. In order to expand this potentially valuable reconnaissance method, the II Section is sending its staff to a four day instruction period at Detachment 4, 1st MI Bn (ARS), Bien Hoa.

d. Enemy Personnel and Material Losses:

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
KIA	251	122	12
POW	8	5	0
HC	5	1	0
Individual weapons	68	30	3
Crew Servé	17	13	0
Weapons			
Tons Cap/Dos Rico	56	72.7	.375
Tons Cap/Dos Lard	1.5	1.5	0
Tons Cap/Dos Gern	.2	0	0
Tons Cap/Dos Salt	.7	.06	0
122mm Rocketts	1	1	0
107mm Rocketts	0	2	0
82mm Mortar Rounds	173	468	1

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	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
60mm Mortar Rounds	63	46	3
57mm Mortar Rounds	31	59	0
B41 (RPG-7) Rounds	7	2	0
B40 (RPG-2) Rounds	58	167	3
B20 (107mm Modified) Rounds	10	7	0
75mm PR Rounds	24	0	0
12.7mm A1 Rounds	80	0	0
14.5mm (.51 Cal.) Rounds	100	150	0
Small Arms Rounds	13,920	10,261	95
Grenades	221	175	14
AP Mines	6	8	4
AT Mines	0	0	6
TNT (lbs)	150	0	0
M79 Rounds	0	0	2
Bangalore Torpedoes	0	0	4
Nachos	150	0	0
2 1/2 ton trucks	23	4	0
1/2 ton trucks	8	1	0
Bicycles	711	102	3
Boats	0	0	1
Typewriters	2	3	0

3. (C) COMBAT OPERATIONS AND TRAINING:

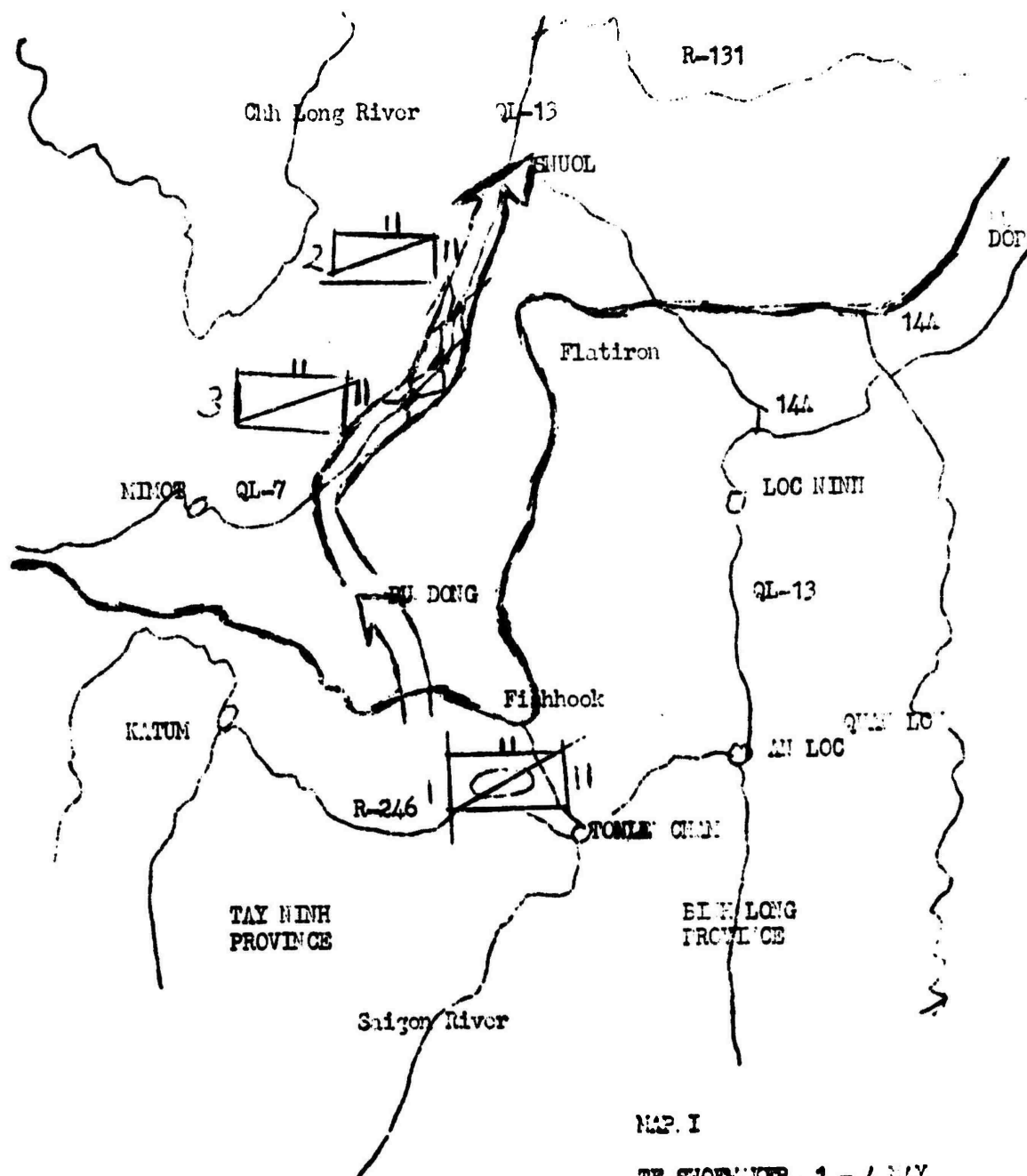
a. Analysis and Evaluation of Operations:

(1) Cambodian Operations: On 27 April the Regiment was ordered to prepare plans for an attack into the Kingdom of Cambodia. The concept of the operations called for a limited thrust into the Fishhook area in conjunction with an ARVN airborne operation. The mission of the Regiment was to move north across the border, conduct search and destroy operations, and prepare to link up with ARVN airborne forces. The target area had long been considered the heart of the enemy's command and logistics network for operations in III Corps. On 1 May all three squadrons (minus C/1/11) were under Regimental control. The Regiment was ordered to leave one squadron in War Zone C. The attack plan called for the 2d and 3d Squadrons to move north, while the 1st Squadron would initially remain in War Zone C to protect land routes of resupply and continue operations there.

(a) TF Shoemaker (See Map I): The order for the attack into Cambodia was DONG TIM II. Under this OPORD TF Shoemaker was formed comprising the 11th ACR, the 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), and the 3d ARVN Abn Bco. On 1 May, following a massive air, artillery, and B-52 preparation, 2d and 3d Squadrons attacked north. Second Squadron led the

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TF SHOENKER, 1 - 4 MAY

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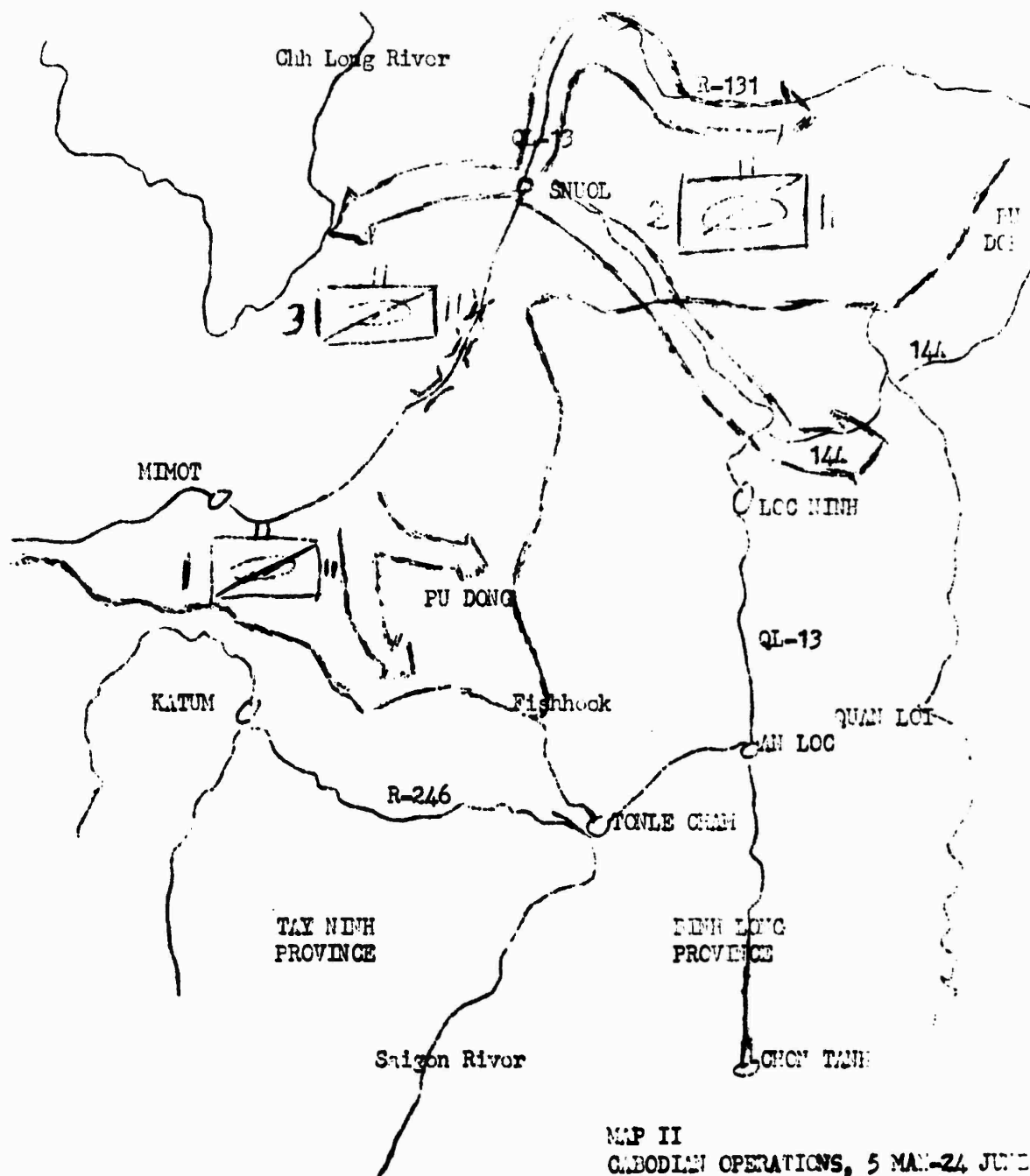
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attack. Just prior to crossing the border they received small arms and RPG fire. Tactical air strikes and artillery were employed, and at 011026 May the Regiment crossed into Cambodia. About 100 meters north of the border 2d Squadron again received small arms and RPG fire from an estimated reinforced NVA company. Again air and artillery as well as the squadron's organic weapons were employed. This contact resulted in two US WIA's. The 3d Squadron was committed to the east of 2d Squadron to maintain the momentum of the attack. Late in the afternoon 2d Squadron engaged an estimated enemy battalion in a bunker complex vicinity of XT 489959. G Troop received RPG and small arms fire and H Company reinforced, along with artillery, ARA, and tactical air support. From the first day's operations the Regiment suffered a total of 2 KIA and 25 WIA, while there were 52 enemy KIA. On 2 May 2d Squadron linked up with elements of the 3d ARVN Abn Bde and began conducting search operations in the area. On 3 May, the Regiment received orders to attack north on 4 May, conduct a passage of lines through the ARVN forces, pass through elements of two battalions of the 1st Cavalry Division (AM), and secure SNUOL (XU5534) prior to 060800 May. The Regiment attacked as ordered and early in the afternoon on 5 May arrived on the outskirts of SNUOL, after bridging three unfordable streams. The city was ringed with .51 cal anti-aircraft machinegun positions and an estimated two battalions of NVA troops. The battle for SNUOL was triggered by 2d Squadron as it moved into the city. Third Squadron joined the battle with three contacts just west of SNUOL about one hour after 2d Squadron's initial engagement. The enemy fought with small arms, RPG's, and .51 cal machineguns; five helicopters received ground to air fire during the period. Six hours after the firing started, 132 NVA were dead, three detained, and three .51 cal machineguns were captured. Sixteen US troopers were wounded in the fight. Sporadic fighting continued near SNUOL for several days, but no additional significant contacts were made.

(b) Operation TOAN THANG 43 (See Map II): Operation TOAN THANG 43 (Total Victory) followed DONG TIEN II and covered a larger area of the Cambodian-Vietnamese border. This operation was designed to search out enemy bunker complexes and cache sites. TF Shoemaker was dissolved on 4 May, and operations continued under the 1st Cavalry Division (AM). On 9 May the Aero-rifle Platoon (ARP), Air Cav Troop, found a regimental size base camp (XU596266) consisting of 100 hootches 15 by 8 feet in size with numerous fighting positions and mess areas. Less than one kilometer to the south, L Troop found a 9,000 lb rice cache. In addition, K Troop spent a number of days opening a cross country route and then escorting convoys of the 1st Cavalry Division (AM) as they evacuated a very large supply area, named "The City". On 13 May, G Troop made contact with an estimated two enemy companies while on ground reconnaissance south of Route 131. Contact was broken 20 minutes later, leaving 5 NVA killed and 4 US troopers wounded. In the same area of triple canopy jungle, on 14 May H Company made contact with RPG teams.

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CAMBODIAN OPERATIONS, 5 MAY-24 JUNE

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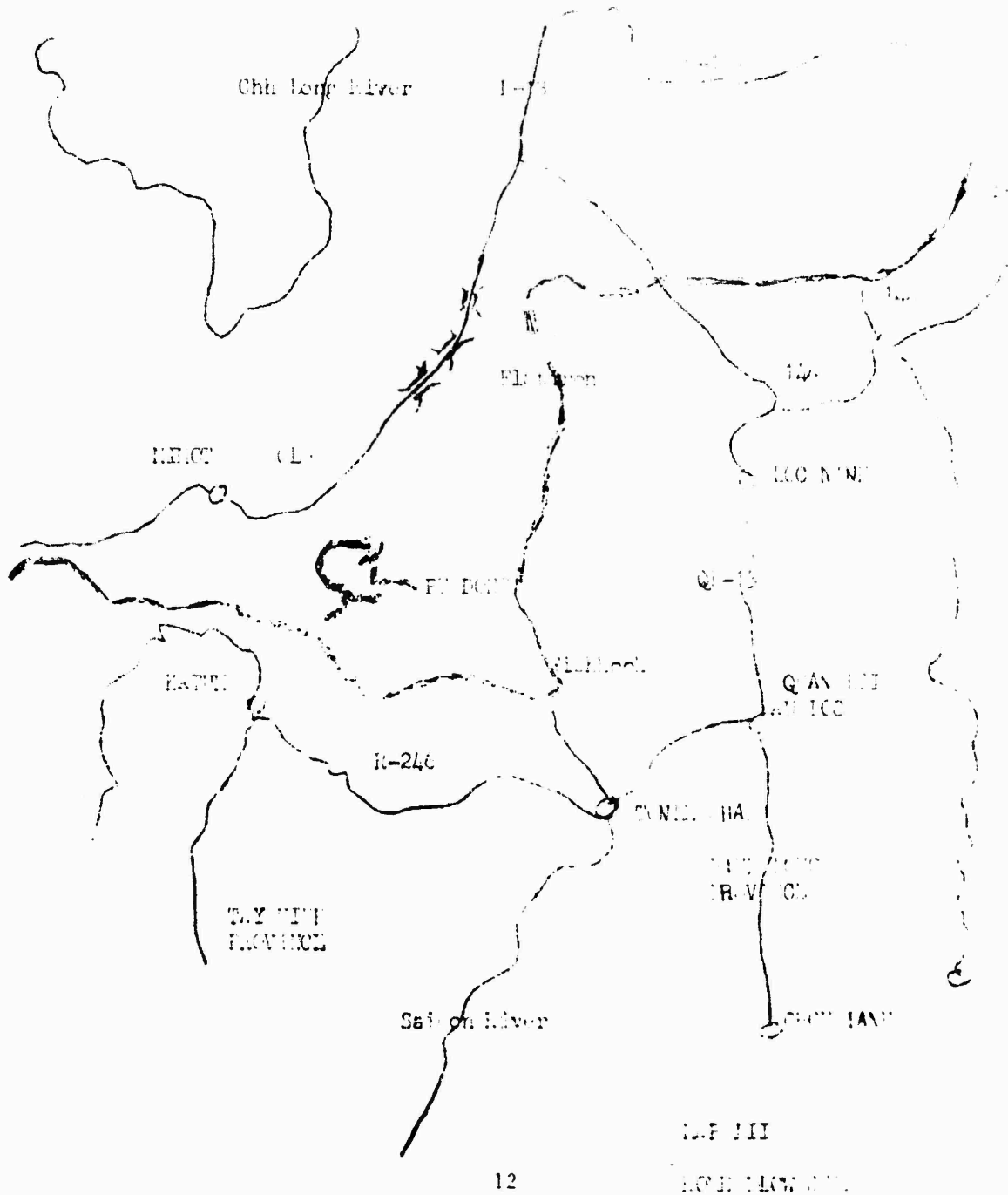
Due to the heavy vegetation the company could not maneuver on line and the enemy evaded contact after killing two and wounding seven US soldiers with 4 RPG hits on the two lead tanks. A short time later in the same area, F Troop spotted six NVN and killed three. On the same day, HHT 2/11, on ground reconnaissance 1000 meters south of FSB Wilma (XU690318) found a bunker complex which contained 30 tons of unpolished rice. On the next day they found 11 more tons of rice there. On 11 May the Regiment was ordered to open the LOC NINH-BU DOP Road for land convoys required by the 1st Cavalry Division (AM). This road, running parallel to the Cambodian border, was kept open for convoy passage until 10 July. In addition to this road, Routes 13 and 17 required combat troops for security and mine sweeping so that land convoys could resupply the Regiment. Twelve maneuver elements were required for these operations. During the entire period, no convoy vehicles or personnel were lost to enemy fire.

(c) Rome Plow Operations (See Map III): As TOAN THANG 43 progressed and the magnitude of the enemy's use of his Cambodian sanctuaries was realized, it was decided that some plow cuts should be made into selected dense jungle areas. On 26 May the first Rome plows of the 60th Land Clearing Company arrived in the Regimental AO. In eight days 2 cuts six kilometers long were made into the dense forest northwest of SNUOL, while the 3d Squadron provided security. The Regiment, with the 60th Land Clearing Company, began a series of tactical Rome Flow cuts on 6 June into enemy base complexes in the area. This was done to assist the ARVN Airborne Division which had engaged the enemy in almost continuous contact but which had been unable to penetrate selected heavy jungle areas in the Fishhook. The 1st Squadron secured the operations from FSB Colorado (XU424147) and then from FSB Hotak (XU449039). The 984th Land Clearing Company joined (on 15 June) the 60th Land Clearing Company, and the 1st Squadron secured both. They were completed by 23 June, even though tactical cuts were contested continually by elements of 165th and 209th NVN Regiments they resulted in the capture of over 45 tons of supplies and the destruction of over 1,100 bunkers. A large hospital complex was discovered on 16 June and yielded over 11 tons of medical supplies.

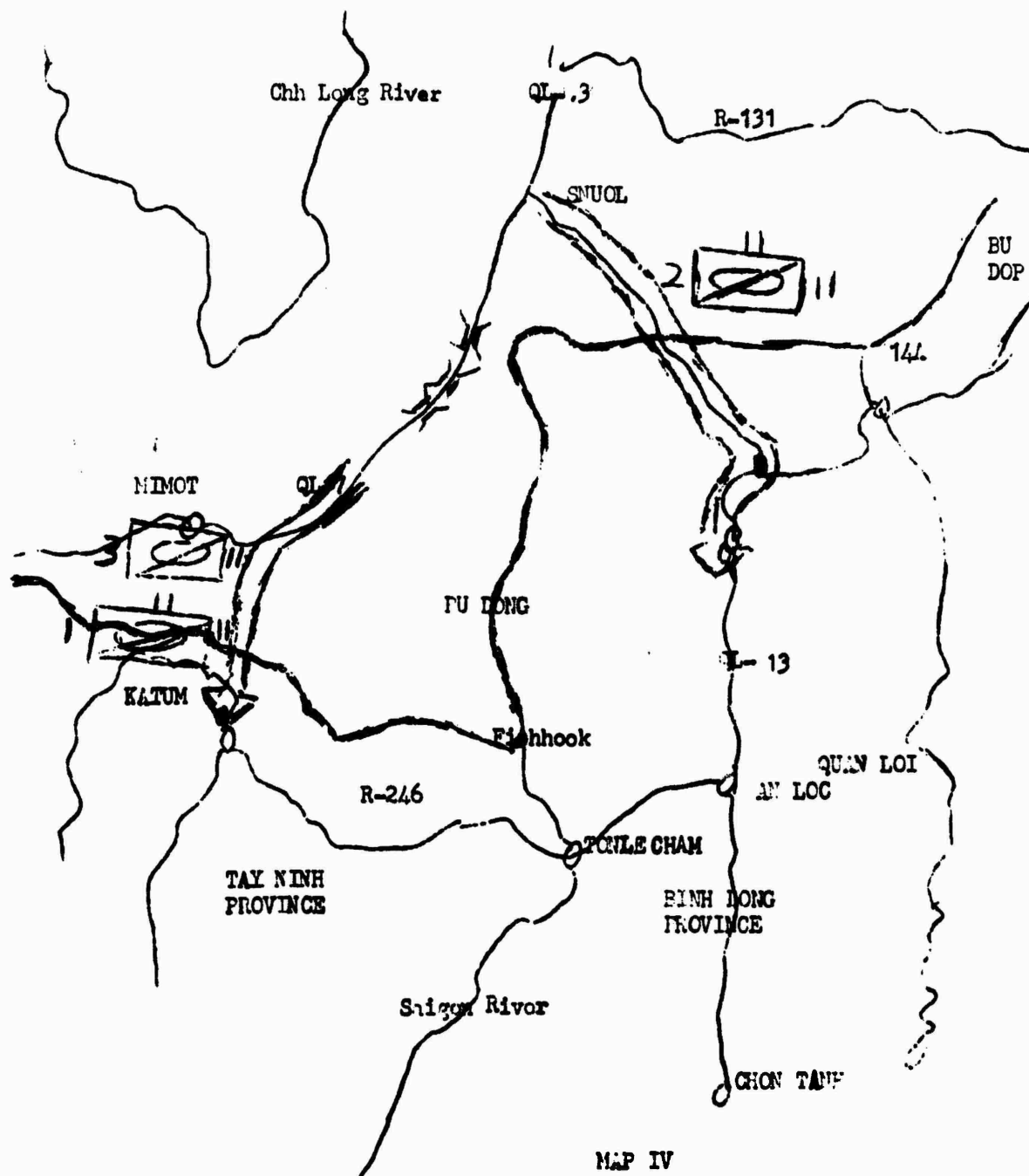
(d) Return to RVN (See Map IV): On 19 June realignment for the return to RVN began. Except for the 2d Squadron which remained OPCON to the 1st Cavalry Division (AM) and would withdraw through LOC NINH (XU738095). The 11th ACR was placed OPCON to the 25th Infantry Division and would withdraw through KATUM (XT334898). On 24 June the 3/4 Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division, was placed OPCON to the Regiment. The 1st Squadron withdrew from Cambodia on 26 June, and was followed on 27 June by elements of 2d Squadron. On the 28th the 3d Squadron and the 3/4 Cavalry withdrew from Cambodia. In the final days of the Cambodian operations, enemy activity increased sharply, and 31 contacts were

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made in the period 20 - 26 June. In these engagements 28 NVA were killed while 11 US soldiers were killed and 74 wounded.

(2) Operations in BINH DUONG, BIEN HOA, and LONG KHANH Provinces:

On 30 June the Regiment became OPCON to II FFORCEV and was assigned two AO's located east and west of the Long Binh Special Zone (LBSZ). This enabled the unit to move its forward CP from QUAN LOI to DI AN, and the move was completed on 3 July. In addition, the two squadron sized AO's permitted the 1st Squadron to accomplish its first maintenance standdown since March 1969. The 3d Squadron assumed responsibility for the western AO. On 23 July 1st Squadron relieved 3d Squadron in its AO and 3d Squadron began its maintenance standdown. Activity in the new AO's was significantly less than the Regiment had previously experienced. Although main force enemy units were reportedly present in the AO's, they avoided contact with the Regiment. Enemy forces were targeted primarily against the Pacification Program, such as villages, hamlets, and RF/PF units. Blackhorse missions in the new AO's have consisted of ground reconnaissance (often conducted with RF units), the emplacement of authentic ambushes and population and resources control operations. The population centers in or near the Regimental AO's have made the Airborne Personnel Detector (Sniffer) almost ineffective due to the air pollution from fires and aircraft exhaust. On the other hand, the new AO's have increased the opportunity for the Regiment to explore new methods of finding the enemy. The close liaison established with the National Police, District and Province officials has significantly increased the intelligence leads which can be exploited. The primary enemy activity has been laying mines, most of which have been homemade devices which could not be detected by the AN/FPS-152 mine detector. A limited number of anti-personnel booby traps, consisting of trip devices and US Fragmentation or homemade grenades, were also encountered.

(a) DONG TIEN (Go Forward Together) Program: In May and June the Regiment conducted no combined operations with ARVN forces. In July the 11th ACR worked closely with RF/PF units in BINH DUONG, BIEN HOA, and LONG KHANH provinces. These operations consisted of seal and search, reconnaissance, road security, and ICAP operations. Represented below are the combined operations from 1 May to 31 July:

	<u>COMBINED OPERATIONS</u>		
	<u>1/11 ACR</u>	<u>2/11 ACR</u>	<u>3/11 ACR</u>
RF/PF	3	13	4

The following ICAP's were conducted in coordination with provincial medical personnel:

<u>1/11 ACR</u>	<u>2/11 ACR</u>	<u>3/11 ACR</u>	<u>REGT S-5</u>
0	4	16	0

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(b) Training: The Replacement Training School at Blackhorse Bear serves an important function in preparing replacements for their assignments with the 11th ACR. In addition it also conducted replacement training for the 2/1 Cavalry, 1/50 Mechanized Infantry, 9/17 Cavalry, and the 11th Aviation Brigade. Monthly attendance during the quarter was as follows:

May - 397
June - 419
July - 516

4. (C) COMBAT SUPPORT:

a. Chemical:

(1) General: The 33d Chemical Detachment (CEPC) continued to provide direct chemical support and technical advise to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

(2) Concealed Personnel Detector, Aircraft Mounted (Sniffer) Missions: During the period there were 31 Sniffer missions flown. Due to the recent change in the 11th ACR's AO's, from a relatively unpolluted AO to an AO with extremely high percentage of pollution (caused by the surrounding metropolitan areas), coupled with adverse weather conditions, the number of Sniffer missions flown were greatly reduced.

(3) Defoliation Projects: There were no defoliation projects approved during the period.

(4) CS Results: Persistent CS drops were not employed in the 11th ACR's AO's during the period. However, there were 10 non-persistent CS missions flown, of which 6 were of the area contamination type and 4 were of the Fire Suppression/Counter Ambush type. E158 CS Clusters were effectively employed from 15-29 June 70 to minimize the possibility of enemy ambushes along Route 7, north of FSB Susan (3/11th ACR).

b. Signal: Throughout the operation in Cambodia, the Regiment CP remained at Quan Loi. Using both the 210 ft. AB216, Antenna Tower and the radio relay (FM) located at NUI Ba DEN. Adequate radio communication was maintained even though transmission distances often exceeded 50km.

In late June the Regiment CP was moved to Di An. A 72 ft. AB216, Antenna Tower was erected near the TOC. Dial telephone and Communication Center services at the Di An Base were provided by the 595th Signal Company. The 53d Signal Battalion established a Multi-channel, VHF

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Terminal providing both common user and point-to-point circuits to II FFORCEV. The radio relay was removed from Nui Ba Den and relocated at Nui Chua Chan to provide better coverage. A station was also established in the II FFORCEV Operations/Intelligence Net (RTT).

With the new AO providing more suitable terrain for employment of Ground Surveillance Radar, emphasis was placed on equipment maintenance and operator training. Training classes were given by the Regiment and Squadrons. The services of a technical representative of Airborne Instrument Laboratories was obtained to provide operator training at the fire bases. The Regiment received six new AN/PS-5A Radars in late July.

c. Artillery:

In addition to its three organic howitzer batteries, the Regiment received artillery support from II Field Force Vietnam Artillery in the form of 155mm and 8 inch howitzers and 175mm guns. Aerial Hocket Artillery from the 1st Air Cavalry Division's 2/20 Artillery was also available and was used extensively during the first two months of the period.

The howitzer batteries retained their missions of direct support throughout the period. The 1st Howitzer Battery assumed an additional mission of reinforcing 2d and 3d Howitzer Batteries' fires as part of Task Force Shoemaker (1-4 May).

On 1 May 1970, all three organic howitzer batteries plus Btry A 2/35 Arty (155) were located at FSB South I and II (XT515905; XT545901). Battery C 2/12 Arty (155T) and two 8" platoons from Btry A 6/27 Arty and B 2/32 Arty were at FSB Burkett (XT541845). A 175mm gun platoon of A 6/27 at FSB Jan (XT624812).

All fires were controlled by the Blackhorse FSOC and the 1/21st Arty. C 2/12 and A 2/35 had reinforcing missions, while the heavy artillery platoons had general support missions with a priority of fires to the 11th ACR.

On 4 May, the 2d and 3d How Batteries moved into Cambodia as the squadrons moved north. A 2/35, continuing its mission of reinforcing the fires of the 2d and 3d How Batteries which moved north with the 3d Squadron. On the same day, 1st How moved south to FSB Burkett resuming its direct support mission to 1st Squadron. The heavy artillery platoons and C 2/12 moved from Regimental control.

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The 3d How and A 2/35 occupied two different and hastily occupied nights of 4 and 5 May and a third on the 6th and 7th. The two batteries established FSB Ft Scott (XU683256) on 8 May. On 11 May A 2/35 moved out of regimental AO and returned to II Field Force Artillery Control.

The 2d How reached XU 556335 on 5 May where it remained until 8 May when FSB Franks was established. On 9 May 1st Squadron became OPCON to the 1st Bde, 1st Air Cav Div, and 1st How moved to FSB Hilltop (XU349093).

On 11 May 2d How moved to FSB Wilma (XU690316), continuing their direct support mission. On 19 May the Regiment gained the operational control of Btry A 1/77 Arty at FSB Evans (XU871166), a 105mm unit of the 1st Cav Division in direct support of the 1/12 Cavalry, and an infantry battalion. This arrangement lasted until 28 May, when they returned to 1st Cav Div control. The 1st How moved into FSB Iowa (XU513237) when 1st Squadron returned to Blackhorse control on 21 May.

On 15 May 3d How moved into FSB Saber (XU574351). On 31 May the battery was split to provide coverage for 3d Squadron elements west of Snuol. Two How sections moved into FSB Hammerstone (XU534294). Three days later the remainder of the battery entered FSB Hammerstone.

The 2d How established FSB Sisson (XU656285) on 25 May. On the 26th, A 2/35 returned to Blackhorse control with a general support/reinforcing mission to the Regiment firing out of FSB Eunice (XU862175). This battery moved to FSB Jerri (XU963222) on 9 June and left Blackhorse control on 11 June. 1st How established FSB Colorado (XU829127) on 3 June, and 10 days later moved to FSB Nodak (XU449032). On 9 June 3d How moved to FSB Carlson (XU503187) and two days later established FSB Susan (XU499143).

The 1st How began withdrawing from Cambodia on 25 June spending that night at XU420075 and the night of the 26th at FSB Carolyn (XT271782). The battery arrived at Di An Base Camp on 27 June for a maintenance standdown that lasted until 22 July.

The 3d How began its withdrawal on 26 June staying at FSB Korphey (XU357028) that night, and at Tay Ninh Base Camp the following night. On 28 July 3d How set up at XT923132 to prepare for its next operation. That operation began on 5 July when the battery established FSB Petric (XT200135) in Bien Hoa Province. On 23 July FSB Petric was closed and 3d How moved into Di An Base Camp for a maintenance standdown.

On 26 June 2d How left Cambodia and established FSB Dias (XU815515). Second Squadron had become OPCON to the 1st Air Cav Division 8 days prior to this withdrawal. It returned to Regimental control on 10 July when it established FSB Victory (XT927316) in Binh Duong Province.

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On 22 July 1st Squadron moved into 3d Squadron's AO assuming control on 23 July. First How was located at FSB Henderson (YT181120). While there, it sent 2 How sections to YT383263 to cover D Company's operation in an AO extension.

During the period the Regimental FSCC had been supervised by several higher artillery headquarters. These headquarters were TF Shoemaker (1-4 May), 1st Air Cavalry Division Artillery (4 May - 17 June), 25th Infantry Division Artillery (18 June - 30 June), and since 1 July the Regiment's FSCC has been directly controlled by II Field Force Artillery.

a. Artillery Fire Statistics:

<u>TYPE OF MISSION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS HIGH EXPLOSIVES FIRED</u>
Confirmed	315	11,079
Acquired	588	10,949
Counter Battery	24	1,092
Preparations	107	3,135
Interdiction	242	2,758
Special Purpose	492	7,621
ARVN Support	5	113
Other	1	5
TOTAL	1,774	36,752

b. Engineers:

(1) General:

During the reporting period the 919th Engineer Company (Armored) provided combat engineer support to elements of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. The primary area of operation in May and June was the area around Snuol, and the Fishhook and Flatiron areas in Cambodia. On June 30 the regiment moved into two new AO's in Binh Duong Province and Long Khanh Province.

(2) Operations:

During the quarter the separate platoons of the company were normally OPCON to the individual squadrons with headquarters platoon and one line platoon in general support. Engineers accomplished demolition work, ford and VLB site construction, route reconnaissance, FSB construction, destruction of enemy base camps, road plow operations, and combat as an armor element. In mine sweep operations 36 mines were found and destroyed.

(a) First Platoon/919th Engineer Company (Armored) from 1-8 May the platoon was in general support of the regiment with a work priority to sweep for mines and to improve Hwy 246 from FSB Jake (YT622811)

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to FSB Burkott (XT448821).

On 9 May 1970, the 1st platoon moved into Cambodia with 1st Squadron, initially removing obstacles to movement and then constructing FSB Hilltop (XU347094). The platoon was placed OPCON C Troop on 14 May with the mission to sweep for mines and to improve LOC's in the area. During this period the platoon was involved in 2 contacts. On 21 May 1970, the 1st platoon was placed OPCON to HHT, 1/11th ACR and given the mission of constructing FSB Iowa (XU513237), and sweeping route 7 in the vicinity of the FSB.

On 30 May the platoon moved to a NDP vicinity XU437143 and linked up with the 3d Platoon and elements from Headquarters platoon. They then began construction and improvement of the road from XT4180 to XU4302.

On 4 June first platoon, in conjunction with elements of headquarters platoon, began constructing FSB Colorado (XU423128), and upgrading Route 7 from XU420075 to XT501215. On 8 June the platoon returned to Quan Loi for a maintenance standdown, and remained there until 21 June. Mine sweeps and base camp improvements were accomplished during this period. On 22 June the platoon moved to Di An Base Camp and until the end of the period, they have been utilized as a construction platoon.

(b) Second Platoon/919th Engineer Company (Armored). At the beginning of the current reporting period, the second platoon was engaged in FSB construction and improvement for the 3d Squadron, 11th ACR at FSB South II, (XT512904). On 6 May 1970, the platoon moved into the Fishhook area of Cambodia with 3d Squadron. Its mission was to remove obstacles to the Squadron's advance to Samol, where FSB Ft Scott (XU685255) was constructed. From 10-14 May the platoon conducted daily mine sweep operations from FSB Ft Scott to Loc Ninh, and escorted convoys back. On 12 and 13 May 2d platoon worked with K Troop to destroy enemy bunkers near Ft Scott. On 15 May second platoon began construction of FSB Sabar (XU573353), and until 2 June was engaged in FSB improvements and security. The platoon moved to FSB Hammerstone (XU500397) on 3 June, FSB Carlson (XU503186) on 7 June and FSB Susan (XU438141) on 8 June. On 9 June, augmented by headquarters platoon equipment, they began maintenance and improvement along FSB Susan. Enemy contacts during this period resulted in 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA, and the combat loss of 1 erdalator, 1 bucket-loader and 1 AVL3.

On 27 June, the second platoon departed Cambodia with the 3d Squadron, arriving at Di An on 29 June for a maintenance standdown. On 5 July they departed for Long Khanh Province to build FSB Petrie (YT202195) north of of Trang Bom. From 5-22 July the platoon improved the FSB, conducted mine sweep and route plow operations, and provided security for the FSB, and the erdalator. They returned to Di An on 23 July for maintenance standdown and remained there thru the end of the reporting period.

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(c) Third Platoon/919th Engineer Company (Armored):

From 1-8 May the 3d platoon, along with 1st Platoon and elements of the Equipment platoon, were engaged in the improvement of Hwy 246 from FSB Jake to FSB Burkett. The road operation was completed on 8 May, and the platoon and Headquarters elements returned to Quan Loi Base Camp. During the period 9-30 May the platoon was involved in intermittent mine-sweep operations on Du Dop-Loc Ninh road (QL14A) supported by the Air Cav Troop, maintenance, base camp improvement, and some plow operations.

On 30 May the 3d platoon became OPCON to the 1st Squadron, with the mission of improving the road from XT4180 to XU4302. One M41AV was combat loss due to mine damage on this mission. On 4 June the 3d Platoon along with elements of the Equipment Platoon and 1st platoon moved to FSB Colorado, where the platoon was involved in FSB construction and improvement until 22 June. On 13 June, the platoon moved to XU449039 where they constructed FSB Nodak, staying here until 25 June. An enemy base camp vicinity XU462010 was destroyed on the 18th.

The 3d Platoon departed Cambodia on 26 June, arriving at D1 An Base Camp for a maintenance standdown the following day. On 19 July the 3d Platoon augmented by elements from the Equipment Platoon, became OPCON to the 1st Squadron and moved to FSB Henderson (YT182122). Between the construction of the FSB and the close of the reporting period, the platoon was involved in FSB improvements, mine sweeps, some plow operations, and road improvements from QL1 to Henderson.

(d) Fourth Platoon/919th Engineer Company (Armored):

At the beginning of the current reporting period, the 4th Platoon was OPCON to the 2d Squadron at FSB South I (XT534902), and was engaged in FSB construction and improvement at that location.

On 6 May 2d Squadron attacked into Cambodia to the vicinity of Snoul, where FSB Franks (XU612307) was established. Fourth Platoon had the mission of reducing obstacles to movement and of constructing the FSB. On 12 May the platoon built FSB Wilma (XU690316), where they were again responsible for FSB improvements and security. They remained here until 26 May, when FSB Sisson (XU699248) was established. From 26 May until 28 June, the platoon swept daily from Sisson to Loc Ninh, provided FSB security, conducted some plow operations, and continued FSB improvements.

The 4th Platoon departed Cambodia on 28 June, moving with 2d Squadron to FSB Dias (XU801145). On 10 July the platoon moved to the vicinity of Tan Uyen and began construction of FSB Victory (XT896317). From 10 July until the close of the reporting period, the platoon has been engaged in

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FSB improvements, ordulator operation, and mine-sweep operations.

(e) Headquarters/919th Engineer Company (Armored):

The Headquarters Platoon was normally in general support at the Squadrons. One LVLB and a water section ordulator were OPCON to each squadron.

(f) New Equipment:

The company received 3 each D-7 Tractors w/KGTEM Treedozers- (Rome Plows) on temporary loan from USARV. This equipment has been extensively utilized to clear FSB fields of fire, destroy enemy base camps, cut access routes into previously untrackable areas, interdict enemy LOC's, and clear jungle along friendly LOC's. The equipment, although old and used previously by the 1st Infantry Division is durable and relatively trouble free if periodic maintenance standdowns are given.

c. Army Aviation:

(1) Employment: The attack into Cambodia was initially augmented by Air Cavalry Scout Teams who found enemy troop locations, guided the attacking ground elements, and assisted in adjusting air strikes and artillery. As the operation progressed the Air Cavalry Troop provided visual reconnaissance for the squadrons and for themselves. During May, Air Cav Cobras flew 650 hours, LOHs flew over 600 hours, and the UG-1Hs flew over 500 hours. The Troop killed 19 NVN. The ARP's were inserted 25 times. They captured over 6000 lbs of enemy foodstuffs, 5 individual weapons, 100 anti-tank (TM46) mines, and 17 bicycles. Four Air Cav Troopers lost their lives.

In June, as the search continued in Cambodia for the NVN and his supply caches, the Air Cav Troop Cobras flew 430 hours, LOHs 415, and the UH-1Hs over 430 hours. The Scouts and ARP's uncovered 56 bicycles, 2 trucks, and miscellaneous construction material and foodstuffs.

During the Cambodian operation, 2 aircraft were lost and 5 lightly damaged. The Troop expended 750 2.75" rockets, 2200 40mm rounds, and 21,000 rounds of 7.62 minigun ammo.

As the Regiment withdrew from Cambodia, the Air Cav screened its flanks then followed it into RVN.

During the period the Air Cav Troop was issued one XM35-20mm Vulcan gun for its Cobra Gunships. The system was employed with success in Cambodia by destroying an enemy $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck. Some early problems with installing delicate instruments and radios have been noted, but the weapons' excellent accuracy, standoff capability, and devastating results make it a fine addition to Air Cav capabilities. Three additional XM35 systems are programmed.

(2) Construction: The occupation of Di An Base Camp called for considerable engineer work to provide suitable landing, parking and maintenance area for the Regimental aviation assets. Plans were submitted and work began on a Regimental heliport with revetted space for 8 Cobras, 16 UH-1Hs and 14 LOHs. Located adjacent to this area will be a maintenance area for the 398th Maintenance Detachment with 14 maintenance revetments and 1 UH-1H revetment.

The area will eventually house all aircraft of the Air Cav Troop as well as the three squadrons. Regimental Aviation Platoon occupied and expanded an existing heliport in close proximity to the HQ. The area has been re-surfaced and remedial construction begun on revetments.

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5. (C) COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT

a. Logistics:

(1) General: The regimental logistical posture remained relatively constant throughout the reporting period. At times, degrees of need increased over the capabilities to satisfy them at others a surfeit existed. Logistic resupply was accomplished by truck convoy or fixed-wing aircraft from Long Binh to Quan Loi, and the support bases, but it remained primarily aerial from there to the forward areas. During the middle of May a land LOC was opened from Quan Loi to forward areas in the vicinity of Snuol, Cambodia, over 70kms. away. Trucks were committed from the 48th Transportation Group and made daily hauls averaging 30 tons per squadron.

(2) Supply and Maintenance

a. Class I. The Class supply point remained the 15 S&S Company, Quan Loi. During the initial stages of the Cambodian Operation the squadrons subsisted on C Rations - as the operation stabilized it was possible to return to the normal two hot meals - supper and breakfast - and one C Ration meal per day. Fluctuations in troop strengths were minimal and no problems developed in resupplying Class I.

b. Class II and IV. Class II supply remained unchanged with no significant problem areas. Class IV supply remained under the control of the Regimental S-4, once items were drawn. This allowed equitable distribution of items which are command controlled and hence difficult to obtain.

c. Class III. Consumption rates remained constant at 3,500 gallons of diesel, 500 gallons of MOGAS, per squadron per day. Resupply forward initially by CH-47 in 500 gallon collapsible drums (Blivets), was accomplished entirely by truck transport after the land LOC was opened. Initially, 5,000 gallon tankers were used to transport bulk fuel to the squadron NDP's but this proved impractical, first the excessive time was consumed in decontaminating at the forward location and secondly, because there was a definite fire hazard on the return trip when the tankers had a partial load, and were extremely vulnerable to enemy attack. The solution was to truck filled blivets to the NDP's and then fly them forward to the troop locations by CH-47.

d. Class V: Class V, like that of Class III, was carried out initially, by CH-47, but this procedure was also modified to use a land LOC to the NDP, and then use a CH-47 to the forward locations.

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In the preparatory stage for the Cambodian Operation, during the establishment of forward support bases, it was estimated that heavy resistance would be met crossing the frontier. Accordingly, a five day prestock of 155mm ammunition, based on 2,000 rounds per battery per day, was established at FSB Jake. This proved excessive and became a logistical nightmare when it was necessary to relocate FSB's. The last remnants of this prestock was still being retrograded in early July. Shortages developed in .50 caliber ammunition, and, at one point, 1st Cavalry Division (AM) overdraw their ACR of 81 mm and 40mm ammunition by 150% causing all other II Field Force units to lose their allocations. Through direct coordination with the Division G-4, the 11th ACR was able to divert sufficient stock to meet our needs from the divisional units.

e. Aerial Resupply. Fixed wing resupply was utilized during the establishment of two forward support bases (FSB Jake and Wade) to bring in 1,700 tons of prestock Class III and V. CH-47's were used to resupply all classes of supply forward until the middle of May when a general drawdown of available aircraft occurred throughout the III Corps area. Fortunately, this drawdown coincided with the opening of a land LOC from Quan Loi to Shoul. The tonnage carried by CH-47's decreased from a weekly average of 850 tons to 625 tons. This average was maintained until late June when enemy action and road conditions closed the land LOC for two of the three squadrons. By this time II Field Force aviation elements had regained their surge capability and were able to provide responsive support.

f. Redeployment to Di An. At the end of June the Regiment departed northern Binh Long Province and established AO's in the vicinity of Long Binh. Class I, II, and III resupply was shifted to the 223d S&S Co, 91st C & S Bn, Di An. Resupply was transported to the squadron NDPs by unit organic vehicles with the exception of Class I (A rations) and selected Class IX, which were flown out by CH 47. Resupply forward to the troop NDP's was by CH 47 from the squadron NDP. Because of the availability of an excellent road net and the maximum use of truck transport, the daily sortie request and blade time dropped off to new lows of 15 sorties and 2 1/2 hours blade time per squadron per day.

g. Extensive efforts were directed towards reconciling unit property accounts by turning in excesses and determining accountability.

h. Maintenance and Repair Parts Supply.

1. Deadline for Combat Vehicles:

		MAY	JUNE	JULY	AVERAGE
M551	Sheridan	18%	17%	28%	21%
M113A1	ACAV	5%	6%	8%	6.3%
M48A3	Medium Tank	14%	9.3%	14%	12.4%
M109	155SP Howitzer	13.6%	4%	7%	8.2%

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2. There were three primary reasons for the high deadline rate for this reporting period.

a. Combat Operations in Cambodia

The strain of combat operations requiring maximum capability of the combat vehicles was in effect for two of the three months covered by the ORLL. There was an exceptionally high failure rate of major assembly items. Part of the problem lies in the high mileage placed on the vehicles during the Cambodian campaign. Extensive jungle busting in muddy conditions caused major assemblies to overheat and fail.

b. Decrease in Combat Lossed Vehicles

During the last month combat losses have rapidly declined. Without combat loss vehicles to use as an alternate source of supply, the repair parts system has been unable to respond to the added demands placed upon it. This is particularly noticeable in July when the deadline rate for every combat vehicle rose. Wheel bearings, spindles, fan tower bearings, oil cooler lines, turret electrical parts, and numerous small engine parts caused the largest part of the deadline.

c. Standdown Operations

Since the beginning of July the 11th ACR has been undergoing stand down operations. During this period, 1st Squadron replaced a total of 41 major assemblies. 3d Squadron replaced 46 major assemblies, the majority of which were completed before the stand down. While some snags developed at the beginning of the standdown, there were no serious problems. Parts supply for major assemblies were generally satisfactory. In exception to this was the unavailability of M578 engines and auxiliary drives. One engine has been on a combat request for over three weeks with no results. Maintenance has been satisfactory, but there are areas for improvement in quality control. The most recurrent problem has been the loss of transmission connecting bolts. As a general rule, jobs remain in a wait shop category less than 72 hours.

b. Medical

1. In general, the health of the Regiment has remained satisfactory since the last reporting period. There was, however, an increase in the incidence of malaria, especially during late June and early July. While the incidence of vivax malaria remained within reasonable limits, malaria falciparum rose sharply. This increase is likely due to both the onset of the rainy season and the proximity of 11th ACR units to enemy troops and base camps in Cambodia. The Regimental Commander has emphasized the need for increased malaria prophylaxis.

2. Injuries: a. The incidence of non-battle injuries has decreased somewhat since the previous report. Total incidence of accidental injury was 812

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cases, while 82 or an average of 27 per month required admission to a medical treatment facility.

b. While injuries sustained as a result of hostile action remained high during May and most of June, there was a sudden decrease during the later part of June and through July. Incidence of battle injury during the current period was 265 cases as compared to 450 during the past period.

c. A statistical summary of all injuries is shown in Table I.

3. Diseases: Aside from malaria, there were no significant changes in any reportable conditions from the previous reporting period. There was one case of encephalitis in May which resulted in death.

4. MEDCAP: MEDCAP and DENTCAP operations were performed by the 37th Medical Company working with an ARVN medical unit and a MACV medical team. Operations were conducted in the Di An District. In several instances, patients were referred to US Army Hospitals in Long Binh and Saigon for admission or outpatient treatment.

5. Accomplishments: a. With the redeployment of the 37th Medical Company from Quan Loi to Di An late in June, the medical company assumed the responsibility of area medical support for Di An Base Camp, relieving the 136th Medical Dispensary of this obligation.

b. During this reporting period, two changes were made in Regimental policy concerning medical treatment. Dapsone, used in the prevention of falciparum malaria, is no longer required for personnel assigned to rear base camp areas. However, troops operating in field locations are still required to take Dapsone while in the field and for at least twenty-eight (28) days after their return to a rear area. The administration of gamma globuli for hepatitis prophylaxis is now left to the discretion of the individual physician evaluating the situation.

TABLE I

	INCIDENCE			ADMISSIONS		
	May	Jun	Jul	May	Jun	Jul
Non-battle Injuries	634.4	723.2	844.6	93.6	71.5	56.7
Battle Injuries	343.2	318.6	72.9	231.4	199.7	56.7

Note: All rates expressed as incidence or admissions per 1,000 troops per year.

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TABLE II

Significant diseases diagnosed during this quarter are as follows:

	<u>Current Quarter</u>	<u>Past Quarter</u>
Infectious Hepatitis	6.2	7.1
Malaria	117.0	27.6
Diarrhea	23.1	25.7
Veneral	168.6	209.6
Dermatological	34.6	21.7
Daily Noneffectiveness*	1.1	1.1

Note: All rates expressed as admissions per 1000 troops per year

*Includes man days lost for all admissions to 11th ACR treatment facilities. Expressed as sick days per 1,000 troops per day.

c. Religious. During the reporting period, the Chaplains of the 11th ACR continued to minister to the moral and religious needs of the troops in the highest tradition of the corps. Specific activities included: 17 Memorial services, 2 baptisms, 179 Catholic services, 179 Catholic Communion, 144 Protestant services, 34 Protestant communions, and 17 visits to orphanages and schools to deliver surplus rice rations and designated offerings. When the Regiment's provisional squadron moved to Di An, a full schedule of services was established for Sundays, and weekday services were added for both Catholics and Protestants. The response of the troops was good when the new schedule was announced. Chapel attendance by headquarters personnel increased by more than 700% over that in Quan Loi. Plans were also made to begin a schedule of Jewish services in cooperation with the IIFFV Jewish Chaplain.

d. Postal.

1. The 7th Army Postal Unit continued its outstanding service for the troops of the 11th ACR. The assigned strength of the unit is 2 officers and 34 enlisted men. For the quarter the money order sales totaled \$3,257,392.33, and stamp sales totaled \$38,020.00.

2. Mail volume handled for the period 1 May-31 July is as follows:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>
Pouches(letter mail)	912	498
Sacks(parcel post)	5426	1144
Outside Pieces	1341	1362
Registered Mail	1092	988
Insured	3418	1241

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3. The 7th APU continues to be the only APU in Vietnam that sends money order clerks directly to the tactical areas of operation. This unit had money order clerks in Cambodia for the payday periods at the beginning of May and June.

6. (FOUO) PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength: The following are strength figures by month:

	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ASGD</u>	<u>TDY</u>
MAY	4469	4610	43
JUNE	4469	4508	40
JULY	4469	4361	42

b. Hospital Returnees:

<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
78	65	97

c. Casualties:

	<u>KHA</u>	<u>WHA</u>	<u>MHA</u>	<u>NBD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
MAY	15	147	0	4	3
JUNE	18	179	0	2	5
JULY	1	35	0	5	10

d. MOS Shortages: In the table below the monthly figure represents the number of personnel assigned to the Regiment with the MOS indicated.

	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
110	136	118	117	116
123	120	88	68	83
31B	38	30	34	34
310	23	16	14	18
67A	33	15	16	20
05B	64	44	49	51

e. Replacements: The overall caliber of replacements shows them to be technically qualified and constant personnel. The general analysis is that they are receiving sufficient training in their MOS's to successfully accomplish their assigned duties.

f. Awards and Decorations:

1. Statistical Summary of US Awards:

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<u>AWARD</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
Medal of Honor	0	
Distinguished Service Cross	0	2
Legion of Merit	5	2
Silver Star	15	2
Distinguished Flying Cross	22	4
Soldiers Medal	3	5
Bronze Star, Service	193	0
Air Medal	61	78
Army Commendation Medal, Service	449	57
Bronze Star Medal, Valor	82	215
Air Medal, "r"	8	37
Army Commendation Medal, Valor	16	15
		29

2. Statistical Summary of Foreign Awards:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
National Order of Vietnam, 5th Class	1	0
Army Distinguished Service Order, 2d Cl	1	0
Staff Service Medal, 1st Class	2	1
Gallantry Cross with Palm	1	1
Gallantry Cross with Gold Star	3	0
Gallantry Cross with Silver Star	27	3
Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star	31	9
Armed Forces Honor Medal, 1st Class	12	4
Armed Forces Honor Medal, 2d Class	8	6
Civic Actions Honor Medal, 1st Class	2	1
Civic Actions Honor, 2d Class	2	0
Armor Badge	8	2

7. (PCUO) PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS:

a. General: The period 1 May-31 July has seen a continually effective PSYOPS program, which was divided into two phases due to the missions.

(1) The first phase was conducted in Cambodia where 5,132,000 leaflets were dropped and 25½ hours of aerial broadcast time were flown. This resulted in 12 PWs and 3 VC suspects. PSYOPS missions were conducted as soon as possible after an enemy contact with leaflets and/or an aerial broadcast. The Chieu Hoi program received the greatest amount of aerial broadcast time.

(2) The second phase of PSYOPS for the period was conducted mainly in Xuan Loc and Long Thanh districts, where over 450,000 leaflets were dropped. The VIP and Chieu Hoi themes were both used, but main emphasis was given to Chieu Hoi instructions.

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b. Population Attitude: During the Cambodian operation there was no contact with the population at first because the area was very sparsely populated. Those civilians who were eventually contacted proved to be quite friendly and cooperative. The Regiment secured roads to facilitate the movement of refugees to Vietnam.

8. (FVUO) CIVIC ACTION: No significant Civic Actions were projected for the Regiment during the reporting period. Commodities distributed during the month of July are listed as follows:

a. 500 lbs of rice given to the Refugee Center at Phuoc Vinh.

b. A policy for the 2/11th established by the S-5 and the Chief of Binh My Hamlet. The 2d Squadron will give all unused C rations to the hamlet. In return they will keep the children out of the trash dump.

c. POL barrels were given to the St. Theresa School in the Dong Hoa Hamlet for containment of rain water.

d. 40 pounds of soap distributed to the people of Binh My Hamlet

e. 4 wheels and tires given to the Lai Thieu District Senior Advisor to build a garbage wagon.

e. 50 pistol belts and canteens given to the Boy Scouts of Lai Thieu.

f. 200 metal stakes sent to the PF compound at Binh Co to increase the size of their compound.

g. Two 1/2 ton trailers of food given to the School/Orphanage in the Di An District by Captain Khac, ARVN Liaison Officer and Major Cook, Regimental Chaplain.

h. One truck load (1000 board feet) of lumber went to the Di An District Advisor.

10. BASE CAMP DEVELOPMENTS: During the period 1 May through 31 July seven new construction projects, costing over \$500 each were initiated and six of those have been completed. Seven repair projects costing over \$500 each were initiated, and five have been completed. These projects included:

- a. Construction of an access runway
- b. Renovation of Stateside Service Club
- c. Redriving of 94 buildings
- d. Construction of a maintenance building
- e. Installation of air conditioners in dental clinic
- f. Construction of latrines and showers.

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Completion of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of all weather road on the east side of the Base Camp entailed the building of a bridge to provide ready access for supply. During June and July, material for 50 new bunkers was acquired for issue to units on the perimeter. The replacement of the older equipment with the new 96 channel AN/TRC 111 equipment and installation of a filtering system has improved the quality of communications. The MARS station has extended its call service to include USA, Korea, Germany, Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Okinawa, and Ethiopia.

11. ENTERTAINMENT:

a. USO Shows: The Special Services Officer arranged two USO Shows during the quarter. On 1 May, the Lillian Lehman Show, consisting of five talented females from Hollywood, performed for approximately 350 troops at US Army Base Di An. On 19 July, the Sydney Concert Party, a group consisting of five males and three females from Sydney, Australia, gave two variety-type shows for the troops of the 11th ACR. The first performance was held for 2d Squadron at FSB Victory. The afternoon performance was held at US Army Base Di An. Attendance for both performances totaled 600.

b. Command Military Touring Shows: On 27 July Special Services sponsored "Page Six", a group of six servicemen (one, incidentally, being from the 1/11th ACR) performing at the Di An Service Club Annex. Approximately 350 troopers listened as this 'rock' group gave a 90 minute performance.

c. Motion Pictures: The Special Services Office is now furnishing 35 units with nightly motion pictures.

12. AMERICAN RED CROSS:

a. Total cases handled for the period	773
b. Total emergency leaves	122
c. Total loans	12
d. Total dollar amount loans	\$1,720.00

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SECTION II - LESSONS LEARNED

1. (C) LESSONS LEARNED

a. Personnel: None

b. Operations:

(1) **OBSERVATION:** At times during the Cambodian operations the land line of communications was approximately 100 km in length. Because the convoys required security, it was continually necessary to employ track vehicles along the routes, which significantly increased the maintenance problems and reduced the combat elements available for offensive operations.

EVALUATION: The reconnaissance capabilities of the Armored Cavalry Regiment are severely hampered when a long land line of communications has to be secured by cavalry elements. Since tracked vehicles cannot cover long distances by convoy without serious maintenance problems, the land route was broken into sections with troop units assuming responsibilities for an AO along the route and for the security of the convoy through their area. This not only reduced the required daily mileage per troop but also provided continuous security along the routes.

RECOMMENDATION: In areas where a long land line of communications must be maintained the armored cavalry regiment should be augmented with an armored car unit.

(2) **OBSERVATION:** The initial attack into Cambodia by TF Shoemaker involved the classic armored attack and link up operation, it was then expanded to include the passage of friendly lines and continuation of the attack. This operation was successfully executed in accordance with present doctrine.

EVALUATION: Present doctrine for the conduct of an armored attack followed by a link up, passage of lines, and further attack is sound.

RECOMMENDATION: Doctrine for the conduct of an armored attack continue to be taught.

(3) **OBSERVATION:** A tank company was engaged by RPG teams in triple canopy jungle. The two lead tanks took RPG hits and the enemy successfully evaded.

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EVALUATION: Due to tactical requirements the tank company was required to move along a narrow jungle trail bordered by trees too large to be pushed down by the tanks. This area was suspected to contain enemy units so "rolling" artillery fires were placed in front of the lead tank. The initial engagement was from a well dug in force at close range resulting in the lead two vehicles being disabled. Since maneuver room was unavailable sufficient organic firepower could not be placed on the enemy force.

RECOMMENDATION: When armored units must operate in such dense jungle that maneuver is denied, infantry should clear the route for the armor unit.

(4) OBSERVATION: Rome plow cuts were directed into the ARVN Airborne Division's AO. Coordination for our AO was jointly agreed to be at the battalion level. The Regiment was unable to secure sufficient area of operation around the actual cut to provide space for security forces and supporting fires.

EVALUATION: A minimum of three kilometers on all sides of the proposed rome plow cuts must be controlled by the unit providing security. Unless this minimum area is available, a delay is experienced in obtaining clearance for aerial reconnaissance, artillery or air support, and security force maneuver room is unnecessarily restricted. Tactical cuts are also based on the principal that when an enemy base area is located, the rome plows cut to the areas. Delay in receiving permission to enter the area often gave the enemy additional time to remove caches.

RECOMMENDATION: A unit tasked to secure rome plow operations must have sufficient AO to properly protect itself and exploit intelligence without coordination limitations.

(5) OBSERVATION: While securing rome plow operations, an excessive number of vehicles often were congested into a small area.

EVALUATION: When the armored cavalry security elements and the rome plows are clustered in a small area confusion and a reduction in land clearing efficiency results. A solution is to divide the land clearing operation so that the rome plows operate in two separate areas. One armored cavalry platoon secures each smaller rome plow element and the remaining platoon can serve as a ready reaction force.

RECOMMENDATION: Land clearing operations should be planned so that the rome plows and the security force work in groups small enough to avoid confusion.

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(6) OBSERVATION: Offensive dismounted operations are required to find and eliminate booby traps.

EVALUATION: Offensive dismounted operations must be effectively conducted by armored cavalry units. The techniques of reconnaissance by fire and the use of grappling hooks are essential to these types of operations.

RECOMMENDATION: The importance of individual and team training for dismounted operations must be reemphasized.

(7) OBSERVATION: The enemy was found to employ booby traps with trip wires suspended at chest level or higher.

EVALUATION: The normal soldier will expect to find the trip wires of booby traps at ground level. He must be cautioned about looking for trip wires suspended at chest level or higher.

RECOMMENDATION: RVN Replacement training should emphasize the fact that the enemy employs trip wires with ingenuity and it is necessary for a soldier not to limit his search to ground level trip wires.

(8) OBSERVATION: A significant number of enemy mines were emplaced deeper in the ground.

EVALUATION: Mines which have been emplaced more than 6 inches are difficult to detect. Inexperienced personnel can easily bypass this type of mine. In addition, mine detectors must be properly maintained. A knowledge of mine markings used by the enemy is essential when looking for these mines.

RECOMMENDATION: The importance of proper mine sweeping procedures and recognition of enemy mine marking techniques be re-emphasized.

(9) OBSERVATION: Night ambush patrols must be capable of marking their positions for aircraft.

EVALUATION: Aircraft used in support of night ambush patrol must be able to accurately determine friendly positions. Strobe lights or flares can be employed by the ambush patrol for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION: Night ambush patrols must preplan and carry with them a means of marking their positions for supporting aircraft.

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(10) **OBSERVATION:** In July the 2d Squadron in the Regiment's western AO found and interdicted an enemy supply route by utilizing automatic ambushes.

EVALUATION: Automatic ambushes were emplaced between known enemy base areas east of LTL-16. Six enemy were killed before enemy travel along this route diminished. It was found that the enemy avoided these areas and began entering the village by circuitous routes which were then ambushed with success.

RECOMMENDATION: Automatic ambushes should be used to interdict enemy travel to and from villages where he may gather food and supplies.

c. Training: None

d. Intelligence: None

e. Logistical: None

f. Army Aviation:

OBSERVATION: There is a need for a helicopter dispensed ground marker, able to withstand weathering 3-5 days.

EVALUATION: During air cavalry operations in RVN, The Aero Scouts discover and plot many lucrative targets susceptible to destruction in detail by air or artillery. Due to rapid moving situations the scout is seldom able to remain on station to direct air or artillery. Six digit coordinates on a sea of jungle foliage subject to interpretation by an aerial observer, FAC and fighter pilot induce a large probability of error, and related wasted time and money.

RECOMMENDATION: Develop and issue to air cavalry troops an expendable, non pyrotechnic, non toxic, 3-5 day weather proof, high contrast, easily identified marker which could be safely and rapidly dispensed from a hovering helicopter. It must snag and lodge in treetops, shrubbery or tall grass without being lofted by rotor wash. It must not create a significant bulk or weight problem when as many as twelve are carried in a LOH. It must not be similar to other trash in the battle area such as parachutes. This marker, when placed directly over a target by hovering helicopter could later be readily identified by a FAC or aerial observer using grid coordinates and would guarantee greater accuracy on preplanned destruction missions.

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g. SIGNAL:

OBSERVATION: During the operation in Cambodia Radio Communication (FM) was difficult because of Allied interference.

EVALUATION: The shortage of discrete FM Frequencies assigned to the 11th ACR (10 discrete out of nearly 95 used) has long been a problem. As the density of units increased along the Cambodian border and transmission distances expanded to near maximum limits the problem of Allied interference became critical. The interference was both "shared" frequencies and "override".

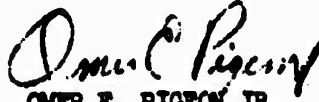
RECOMMENDATION: Until more discrete frequencies can be obtained, Radio Operators must be taught to shorten transmissions and cut "chatter".

h. Medical: None

i. Psyop/Civic Action: None.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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OMER E. PIGEON JR.
Major, AGC
Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:

1-OCMH
2-CINCPAC
3-CG, USARV
1-CH, USARV
3-CG, IIFV
5-CT, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
1-USAIS
1-USAARMS
1-USAARMC
1-Army War College
1-USACGSC
1-OO, 11th ACR
1-XD, 11th ACR
1-OO, 1/11th ACR
1-OO, 2/11th ACR
1-OO, 3/11th ACR
8-28th MED, 11th ACR

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SUBJECT: Operational Report of 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment for Period
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DA, HQ, II Field Force Vietnam, APO 96266 4 JUL 1970

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D.C. 20310

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report - Lessons
Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1970 from Headquarters,
11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.


2. (U) Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning AO coordination for land clearing
operations, page 28, paragraph 1b(4); concur. AO coordination should be
accomplished to provide sufficient area for effective support by artillery
and to allow exploitation of local intelligence.

b. Reference item concerning security of Rome Flow operations, page 28,
paragraph 1b(5); nonconcur. Proper command and control of the land clearing
company (LCC) and the security force will preclude congestion of vehicles.
LCC's are most efficiently employed as a company and should not be fragmented.
When fragmented, there is loss of centralized control, loss of mutually
supporting security forces, and a requirement for an increased number of
security forces to provide all around security for the operation. Under
average conditions, the LCC should be kept intact. As an exception, in
extremely dense jungle, it may be feasible to employ platoons separately.
Caution must be used to provide enough distance between elements to insure
unit safety from fires of the other platoons - 3000 meters separation is
considered minimum to retain artillery support capability, with proper
safety margins.

c. Reference item concerning "Army Aviation", page 30, paragraph 2f;
concur. It is further recommended that the unit submit a Small Material
Requirement to the appropriate CDC agency for evaluation.

FOR THE COMMANDER


W. C. BARTEL
CPT, AGC
Asst AG

AVHDO-DO (23 Aug 70) 2nd Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report of 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment for Period
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Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96375 11 JAN

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
APO 96558

This Headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1970 from Headquarters, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and concurs with comments of indorsing headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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11th ACR


Clark W. Stevens Jr.
Captain AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

GPOP-DT (23 Aug 70) 3d Ind (U)

SUBJECT: Operational Report of HQ, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment for
Period Ending 31 July 1970, RCS CSFOR-65 (R2) (U)


HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 19 FEB 1971

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs in subject report with the following comment:

Reference the item concerning "Army Aviation," page 30, paragraph 1f.
Concur with the requirement for a helicopter dispensed ground marker.
Recommend development be pursued by USACDC.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

- Headquarters and Headquarters Troop
- Air Cavalry Troop
- 919th Engineer Company (Armored)
- 7th Army Postal Unit
- 17th Public Information Detachment
- 28th Military History Detachment
- 33rd Chemical Detachment
- 124th Composite Support Maintenance Detachment
- 389th Transportation Detachment
- *409th Radio Research Unit
- 541st Military Intelligence Detachment

1st Squadron

- Headquarters and Headquarters Troop
- A Troop
- B Troop
- C Troop
- D Company
- Howitzer Battery

2nd Squadron

- Headquarters and Headquarters Troop
- E Troop
- F Troop
- G Troop
- H Company
- Howitzer Battery

3rd Squadron

- Headquarters and Headquarters Troop
- I Troop
- K Troop
- L Troop
- M Company
- Howitzer Battery

* Attached Support Unit

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Annex C

TASK ORGANIZATION

1. The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment was OPCON to the following organizations during the reporting period:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
TF Shoemaker (1st Cav Div - AM)	1-4 May
1st Cav Div (AM)	4 May - 19 June
25th Inf Div	19-30 June
II FFORCEV	30 June - 31 July

2. Headquarters, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment:

a. During the reporting period the following major units were OPCON to the 11th ACR for the periods indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
1/11 ACR	1-9 May, 21 May - 31 July
2/11 ACR	1 May - 19 June, 10 - 31 July
3/11 ACR	1 May - 31 July
3/4 Cav	24 - 27 June
C/2/5 Cav	16 - 20 May
1/12 Cav	19 - 27 May

b. During the reporting period the following units were GS to the 11th ACR for the periods indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
C/2/12 Arty	1 - 4 May
2/20 Arty	1 May - 19 June
A/6/27 Arty	1 - 4 May
B/2/32 Arty	1 - 4 May
A/2/35 Arty	1 - 11 May, 26 May - 11 June
A/1/77 Arty	19 - 28 May

c. During the reporting period the following units were DS to the 11th ACR for the periods indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
C/31 Engr	14 May - 25 June
60th LCC	26 May - 23 June
984th LCC	13 - 26 June

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3. HQ, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment:

a. The following organic units of 1/11 ACR were OPCON to other units during the periods indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>OPCON TO</u>
C/1/11 ACR	1-4 May	1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM)
C/1/11 ACR	7 May	2/11 ACR
D/1/11 ACR	22-27 May	1st ARVN Abn Bde

b. The 1/11 ACR was OPCON to the following units as indicated:

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>OPCON TO</u>
9-11 May	1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM)
11-15 May	3rd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM)
15-21 May	1st Bde, 25th Inf Div

4. HQ, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment:

a. The following units were OPCON to 2/11 ACR during the periods indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
C/1/11 ACR	7 May
I/3/11 ACR	1 June

b. The following organic units of 2/11 ACR were OPCON to other units during the periods indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>OPCON TO</u>
E/2/11 ACR	12-31 July	1st Cav Div (AM)
F/2/11 ACR	10-12 July	1st Cav Div (AM)
G/2/11 ACR	1-19 June	1st Cav Div (AM)

c. The 2/11 ACR was OPCON to the 1st Cav Div (AM) during the period 19 June - 10 July.

5. HQ, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment: The following organic units of 3/11 ACR were OPCON to other units during the periods indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>OPCON TO</u>
I/3/11 ACR	12 May - 1 June	2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM)
I/3/11 ACR	1 June	2/11 ACR

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Annex D

ARMY AVIATION STATISTICAL SUMMARY

1. Sorties Flown:

<u>MISSION</u>	<u>OH-6A</u>	<u>OH-6AA</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>AH-1G</u>
Command and Control	3290	80	3983	0
Troop Lift (Combat)	6	7	1213	0
Troop Lift (Logistical)	24	9	129	0
Cargo (Combat)	2	5	25	0
Cargo (Logistical)	1	10	74	0
Casualty Evacuation	11	2	8	0
Administration	1369	74	1284	0
Reconnaissance	628	1165	285	0
Armed Helicopter	0	0	0	1016
Training	65	61	280	44
Maintenance	47	67	232	45
Search and Rescue	0	0	2	0
Other	62	14	547	7

2. Number Passengers:

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>
OH-6A	5,222
OH-6AA	178
UH-1H	6,567
AH-1G	0

3. Tons Cargo:

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>TONS CARGO</u>
UH-1H	14
OH-6A	0
OH-6AA	1

4. Hours Flown:

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
OH-6A	2560	6512
OH-6AA	1410	2086
UH-1H	4304	9378
AH-1G	1533	1560

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5. Results of Fire:

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VC/NVA KBA (BC)	50	16	2	68
Structures Destroyed	19	30	5	54
Structures Damaged	83	52	26	161
Sampans Destroyed	0	10	0	10
Sampans Damaged	5	3	0	8

6. Ammunition Expended:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
7.62	242,175
2.75	6,245
40mm	6,775
20mm	3,760
50cal	600

7. Aircraft Availability (% Operational Ready):

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
OH-6A	92.6%	88.0%	88.1%
UH-1H	77.5%	83.2%	87.5%
AH-1G	86.9%	66.7%	75.0%

8. Aircraft Non-operational Ready (Supply):

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
OH-6A	1.5%	3.0%	2.9%
UH-1H	8.9%	6.7%	3.1%
AH-1G	7.1%	16.7%	4.9%

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UH-1H	13.6%	10.1%	9.4%
AH-1G	6.0%	16.6%	20.1%

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